

2 children drown in Rivers

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Two children on Sunday drowned in a river at Degema Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The incident happened when a boat conveying 24 passengers, including the two children, capsized. The boat was said to be travelling from Abuloma to Okirika.

This was barely one week after a boat carrying 24 persons from Abonnema wharf to Bakana in Degema Local Government Area of the state capsized, killing about six persons including, Joe Blankson.

The Public Relations Officers in the state, Nnamdi Omoni confirmed the incident yesterday.

He said that 22 passengers were rescued from the boat; while two children drowned.

“The two children are identified as Destiny Amamima and Ngowari Amamima, both females, are still missing. A search team made up of

Marine Police and Okirika Police Division have been sent to the river. The driver of the boat is in our custody and helping us in our investigation,” he said.